ORDER BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BELTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT CALLING A BOND ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN SAID DISTRICT; MAKING PROVISIONS FOR THE CONDUCT AND THE GIVING OF NOTICE OF THE ELECTION; AND CONTAINING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING THERETO

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Belton Independent School District (the "District") finds and determines that it is necessary and advisable to call and hold an election for and within the District on the propositions hereinafter set forth; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds, determines and declares that the meeting at which this Order is considered is open to the public, and that the public notice of the time, place and purpose of the meeting was given, as required by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BELTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Section 1. <u>Findings</u>. The statements contained in the preamble of this Order are true and correct and are hereby adopted as findings of fact and as a part of the operative provisions hereof.

Section 2. <u>Election Ordered; Date; Propositions</u>. A bond election (the "Election") shall be held for and within the District on Tuesday, November 4, 2025 ("Election Day"), a uniform election date established by Section 41.001(a), Texas Election Code, as amended (the "Code"), as required by Texas law. At the Election the following propositions (individually a "Proposition" and collectively, the "Propositions") shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the District in accordance with law:

BELTON ISD – PROPOSITION A

THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

Shall the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of Belton Independent School District (the "District") be authorized to issue and sell at any price or prices the bonds of the District in the amount of \$92,925,000 for the construction, acquisition, renovation, and equipment of school buildings in the District, which bonds may be issued in various issues or series, shall mature serially or otherwise not more than 40 years from their date, and shall bear interest at such rate or rates, not to exceed the maximum rate now or hereafter authorized by law, as shall be determined by the Board within the discretion of the Board at the time of issuance; and shall the Board be authorized to levy and pledge, and cause to be assessed and collected, annual ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in the District sufficient, without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds and the costs of any credit agreements executed or authorized in anticipation of, in relation to, or in connection with the bonds; said bonds to be issued and said taxes to be levied, pledged, assessed, and collected under the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas including the Texas Education Code?

BELTON ISD - PROPOSITION B

THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

Shall the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of Belton Independent School District (the "District") be authorized to issue and sell at any price or prices the bonds of the District in the amount of \$43,725,000 for the construction, renovation, acquisition, and equipment of improvements to Tiger Field and Bronco Field, which bonds may be issued in various issues or series, shall mature serially or otherwise not more than 40 years from their date, and shall bear interest at such rate or rates, not to exceed the maximum rate now or hereafter authorized by law, as shall be determined by the Board within the discretion of the Board at the time of issuance; and shall the Board be authorized to levy and pledge, and cause to be assessed and collected, annual ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in the District sufficient, without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds and the costs of any credit agreements executed or authorized in anticipation of, in relation to, or in connection with the bonds; said bonds to be issued and said taxes to be levied, pledged, assessed, and collected under the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas including the Texas Education Code?

BELTON ISD - PROPOSITION C

THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

Shall the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Belton Independent School District (the "District") be authorized to issue and sell at any price or prices the bonds of the District in the amount of \$6,000,000 for the acquisition or update of District technology equipment, including student, teacher and staff devices, which bonds may be issued in various issues or series, shall mature serially or otherwise not more than 5 years from their date, and shall bear interest at such rate or rates, not to exceed the maximum rate now or hereafter authorized by law, as shall be determined by the Board within the discretion of the Board at the time of issuance; and shall the Board be authorized to levy and pledge, and cause to be assessed and collected, annual ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in the District sufficient, without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds and the costs of any credit agreements executed or authorized in anticipation of, in relation to, or in connection with the bonds; said bonds to be issued and said taxes to be levied, pledged, assessed, and collected under the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas including the Texas Education Code?

BELTON ISD - PROPOSITION D

THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

Shall the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Belton Independent School District (the "District") be authorized to issue and sell at any price or prices the bonds of the District in the amount of \$19,185,000 for the construction, acquisition, and equipment of District natatorium facilities, including improvements to existing

District natatorium facilities and construction of a practice pool, which bonds may be issued in various issues or series, shall mature serially or otherwise not more than 40 years from their date, and shall bear interest at such rate or rates, not to exceed the maximum rate now or hereafter authorized by law, as shall be determined by the Board within the discretion of the Board at the time of issuance; and shall the Board be authorized to levy and pledge, and cause to be assessed and collected, annual ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in the District sufficient, without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds and the costs of any credit agreements executed or authorized in anticipation of, in relation to, or in connection with the bonds; said bonds to be issued and said taxes to be levied, pledged, assessed, and collected under the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas including the Texas Education Code?

Section 3. Official Ballot.

- (a) Voting at the Election, and early voting therefor, shall be by the use of the lawfully approved Bell County, Texas ("Bell County" or the "County") voting systems and ballots.
- (b) The preparation of the necessary equipment and the official ballots for the Election shall conform to the requirements of the Code so as to permit the electors to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" each Proposition which shall be set forth on the ballots substantially in the following form:

BELTON ISD – PROPOSITION A

FOR)	THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.					
AGAINST)	"The issuance of \$92,925,000 of bonds for the construction, acquisition, renovation, and equipment of school buildings in the district, and the levying of a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds and the costs of any credit agreements executed in connection with the bonds."					
BELTON ISD – PROPOSITION B							
FOR)	THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.					
AGAINST)	"The issuance of \$43,725,000 of bonds for the construction, renovation, acquisition, and equipment of improvements to Tiger Field and Bronco Field, and the levying of a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds and the costs of any credit agreements executed in connection with the bonds."					

BELTON ISD – PROPOSITION C

FOR)	THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.					
AGAINST)	"The issuance of \$6,000,000 of bonds for the acquisition or update of district technology equipment, including student, teacher and staff devices, and the levying of a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds and the costs of any credit agreements executed in connection with the bonds."					
BELTON ISD – PROPOSITION D							
FOR)	THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.					
AGAINST)	"The issuance of \$19,185,000 of bonds for the construction, acquisition, and equipment of district natatorium facilities, including improvements to existing district natatorium facilities and construction of a practice pool, and the levying of a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds and the costs of any credit agreements executed in connection with the bonds."					

Section 4. <u>Multilingual Election Materials</u>. All notices, instructions, and ballots pertaining to the Election shall be furnished to voters in English and Spanish in compliance with the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended (the "Voting Rights Act"), and the Code, including particularly Chapter 272 of the Code pertaining to bilingual requirements.

Section 5. <u>Persons Qualified to Vote</u>. All resident, qualified electors of the District shall be eligible to vote at the Election.

Section 6. <u>Election Precincts, Voting Locations and Voting Hours on Election Day.</u>
The election precincts for the Election shall consist of the territory within the boundaries of the District situated within one or more County election precincts located wholly or partially within the District. The precinct numbers for the District's election precincts shall be the same as those assigned by the County to the County election precincts. The polling places for the Election are hereby designated to be those locations identified by the Elections Administrator (as defined herein). Such locations are listed on <u>Exhibit A</u> attached hereto, which is incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof for all purposes; provided, however, such locations may be changed if so directed by the Elections Administrator without further action of the District. The County or its Elections Administrator are hereby authorized and directed to make such changes in polling locations as may be necessary for the proper conduct of the Election, without further action by the District, and the President of the Board or his/her designee is hereby authorized to update <u>Exhibit A</u> to reflect the locations designated by the County or its Elections Administrator, which

locations are hereby approved. Each polling place shall be open from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. on Election Day.

- Section 7. <u>Elections Administrator; Early Voting Clerk; Early Voting Locations, Dates and Times.</u> (a) Desi Roberts, the Bell County Elections Administrator (the "Elections Administrator") is hereby appointed as the Early Voting Clerk for purposes of this Election (the "Early Voting Clerk") and appointed Elections Administrator for the District and agent for the custodian of voted ballots in the jurisdiction.
- (b) The address for the Early Voting Clerk of Bell County is 550 E. 2nd Avenue, Belton, Texas 76513 and the Early Voting Clerk may be reached at the following: (i) Telephone: (254) 933-5774, (ii) Email: <u>elections@bellcounty.texas.gov</u>, and (iii) Website: https://www.bellcountytx.com/departments/elections/index.php.
- (c) Applications for early voting by mail shall be submitted to the Elections Administrator by regular mail to Bell County Elections Department, PO Box 1629, Belton, TX 76513, or by common or contract carrier to Bell County Elections Department, 550 E. 2nd Avenue, Belton, TX 76513.
- (d) The main early voting polling place for Bell County is hereby designated to be the Bell County Belton Courthouse Annex, 550 E. 2nd Avenue, Belton, TX 76513.
- (e) Early voting by personal appearance for all election precincts shall be held at the locations, at the times and on the days set forth in Exhibit B, attached hereto and incorporated herein, or at such other locations, times, and days as hereafter may be designated by the County or Elections Administrator as provided in the Election Agreement without further action by the District. The President of the Board or his/her designee is hereby authorized to update Exhibit B to reflect the locations designated by the County or the Elections Administrator, and such locations are hereby approved.
- (f) The Elections Administrator and/or Early Voting Clerk are hereby authorized to appoint the members of the early voting ballot board and the presiding judges and alternate judges for each polling location in accordance with the requirements of the Code. Each of the presiding judges shall be authorized to approve the necessary election clerks to assist in conducting the Elections.
- (g) Voting times may be changed if so directed by the Elections Administrator without further action of the District. The Elections Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to make such changes in voting hours as may be necessary for the proper conduct of the Election.
- Section 8. <u>Joint Election</u>. The District has determined that it is in the best interest of the District to participate in a joint election with other governmental entities in the County holding elections on Election Day and contract with the Elections Administrator for election services (the "Election Agreement").
- Section 9. <u>Appointment of Election Officers</u>. The election judges, alternate judges, clerks, members of the early voting ballot board, the central counting station officials, and other personnel necessary for conducting the Election shall be appointed, election judges and alternate

judges may be changed, and the central counting station shall be established and staffed all as provided in the Election Agreement and such actions are hereby approved. Further, the Board hereby authorizes the President of the Board to appoint any such other officials not designated herein or appointed pursuant to the Election Agreement as are necessary and appropriate to conduct the Election in accordance with the Code.

Notice of Election. Notice of the Election shall be given by: (i) publishing Section 10. a substantial copy of this Order, in English and Spanish one time not earlier than the thirtieth (30th) day nor later than the tenth (10th) day prior to the date set for the Election, in a newspaper published in the District (or that otherwise complies with applicable law), (ii) posting a copy of this Order and the Voter Information Documents (as hereinafter defined), in English and Spanish on the bulletin board used for posting notices of meetings of the Board and in at least three (3) other public places within the boundaries of the District, not later than the twenty-first (21st) day prior to the date set for the Election, and (iii) posting a copy of this Order and the Voter Information Documents, in English and Spanish on the District's website, prominently and together with the notice of the Election, the contents of each Proposition and any sample ballot prepared for the Election, not later than the twenty-first (21st) day prior to the date set for the Election through Election Day. Additionally, on Election Day and during early voting by personal appearance, this Order and the Voter Information Documents shall be posted in a prominent location at each polling place. Notice of the Election shall also be provided to the County Clerk and voter registrar of the County not later than the sixtieth (60th) day before the Election Day; which notice the County is hereby authorized and directed to post to its website not later than the twenty-first (21st) day prior to Election Day. Notice of the Election shall be posted to the District's internet website not later than the twenty-first (21st) day before the election, in compliance with Section 4.009, Texas Election Code, as amended. The website for the District can https://www.bisd.net/Page/1940.

Section 11. <u>Conduct of Election</u>. The Election shall be held in accordance with the Code, except as modified by the Texas Education Code, the Texas Government Code, and the Voting Rights Act, including particularly Chapter 272 of the Code pertaining to bilingual requirements.

Section 12. <u>Information Required by Section 3.009 of the Election Code.</u>

- (a) <u>District's Outstanding Debt</u>. As of the date of this order, the District's aggregate principal amount of outstanding of tax-supported debt was \$359,990,000 and the aggregate amount of outstanding interest on such tax-supported debt was \$207,563,700. As of the date of this Order, the District's total ad valorem tax rate is \$1.1494 per \$100 of assessed valuation, which is made up of a maintenance and operations tax rate \$0.7552 per \$100 of assessed valuation and a debt service tax rate of \$0.3942 per \$100 of assessed valuation of taxable property in the District.
- (b) <u>Issuance of New Debt</u>. The District intends to issue the bonds authorized by the Propositions over a period of years in a manner and in accordance with a schedule to be determined by the Board based upon a number of factors, including, but not limited to, the then current needs of the District, demographic changes, prevailing market conditions, assessed valuations of property in the District, the use of variable rate debt and management of the District's short-term and long-term interest rate exposure. Market conditions, demographics and assessed valuations of

property vary based upon a number of factors beyond the District's control, and the use of variable rate debt involves periodic adjustments in interest rates that vary based on market conditions and contractual obligations. Therefore, the District cannot and does not guarantee a particular interest rate or tax rate associated with the bonds authorized by the Propositions. As such, the information contained in this paragraph is provided solely for illustrative purposes and does not establish any limitations or restrictions or create a contract with the voters. The District estimates that, based on the District's current taxable assessed valuation, current market conditions as of the date of this Order, and estimated future growth in the District's taxable assessed valuation, if all of the Propositions are approved and all of the bonds authorized by the Propositions are issued in accordance with the District's current projected plan of finance, the maximum interest rate on the bonds is not expected to exceed 5.25%.

- (c) <u>Additional Information Required by Section 3.009 of the Code</u>. The additional information required by Section 3.009 of the Code is located in Sections 2 and 3 of this Order.
- Section 13. <u>Voter Information Documents</u>. The Board hereby approves the voter information documents (collectively, the "Voter Information Documents"), in substantially the form presented to the Board, with such changes as may be approved by the President of the Board, the Superintendent of the District, or their designee, acting on behalf of the Board, in consultation with the District's general counsel, bond counsel, and financial advisor, as prescribed by Section 1251.052(b), Texas Government Code.

The President of the Board, the Superintendent of the District, or their designee, acting on behalf of the Board, is further authorized and directed to post or provide for the posting of the Voter Information Documents in the manner provided under Section 10 of this Order, and additionally on the District's website in an easily accessible manner beginning not later than the twenty-first (21st) day before the date set for the Election and ending on the day after Election Day.

Section 14. <u>Findings and Determinations.</u> The Board finds and determines that the facilities and equipment to be acquired, constructed, renovated or equipped pursuant to Proposition A are predominately for required classroom instruction and essential administrative operations for faculty and staff, stadiums with seating capacity for 1,000 or fewer spectators, gymnasiums, playgrounds or play areas, school buses, equipment used for school security purposes, and/or technology infrastructure integral to the construction of a facility.

Section 15. Necessary Actions. The President of the Board or the Superintendent or such person's designee, acting on behalf of the Board, in consultation with the District's attorney and bond counsel is hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions necessary to comply with the provisions of the Code and the Voting Rights Act in carrying out and conducting the Election, whether or not expressly authorized herein, including making changes or additions to polling places or procedures to the extent required or desirable as determined by the Elections Administrator or as may become necessary due to circumstances arising after the date of this Order and modifying the provisions of this Order to facilitate compliance with changes in law made during the 89th Texas Legislative Session and any special sessions thereof or administrative interpretations of such laws.

Section 16. <u>Severability</u>. If any provision, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Order, or the application of same to any person or set of circumstances is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, void, invalid, or unenforceable, neither the remaining portions of this Order nor their application to other persons or sets of circumstances shall be affected thereby, it being the intent of the Board in adopting this Order that no portion hereof or provision or regulation contained herein shall become inoperative or fail by reason of any unconstitutionality, voidness, invalidity or unenforceability of any other portion hereof, and all provisions of this Order are declared to be severable for that purpose.

Section 17. <u>Effective Date</u>. This Order shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED this August 14, 2025.

President, Board of Trustees

Belton Independent School District

ATTEST:

Secretary, Board of Trustees

Belton Independent School District

[SEAL]

EXHIBIT A/ ANEXO A

ELECTION DAY SCHEDULE/ CRONOGRAMA DEL DÍA DE LA ELECCIÓN

Tuesday, November 4, 2025 – Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Martes, 4 de noviembre de 2025 - Los lugares de votación estarán abiertos de 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m.

<u>ELECTION DAY POLLING LOCATIONS</u>* LUGARES DE VOTACIÓN PARA EL DÍA DE LA ELECCIÓN*

Bell County utilizes countywide vote centers. District voters may vote at any of the following locations on Election Day:

El Condado de Bell usa centros de votación de todo el condado. Los votantes del Distrito pueden votar en cualquiera de los siguientes lugares el Día de la Elección:

Site#/ N.∘ de sitio	Polling Site/ Sitio de votación	Address/ Dirección	City/ Ciudad	State/ Estado	Zip Code/ Código postal
1	Belton Nazarene Church	1701 Sparta Road	Belton	TX	76513
2	North Belton Annex	1605 N. Main Street	Belton	TX	76513
3	Belton Senior Center	842 S. Mitchell Street	Belton	TX	76513
4	Morgan's Point Event Center (EV)	60 Morgan's Point Blvd	Morgan's Point Resort	TX	76513
5	Little River's Freedom Road Fellowship	1406 W. Church Street	Little River Academy	TX	76554
6	Liberty Christian Center	4107 Westcliff Road	Killeen	TX	76543
7	Bartlett City Hall	140 W. Clark Street	Bartlett	TX	76511
8	First Baptist Church Holland	506 Dixie Drive	Holland	TX	76534
9	Christian House of Prayer	3300 E. Stan Schlueter Loop	Killeen	TX	76542
10	Nolanville City Hall	101 N. 5th Street	Nolanville	TX	76559
11	Belton Annex (EV)	550 E. 2nd Avenue	Belton	TX	76513
12	VFW Post 3892	201 VFW Drive	Harker Heights	TX	76548
13	Harker Heights Parks & Recreation Center (EV)	307 Millers Crossing	Harker Heights	TX	76548
14	Salado Annex (EV) (New Site)	11057 Event Drive	Salado	TX	76571
15	Lakeview Baptist Church	7717 HWY 317	Belton	TX	76513
16	Jackson Professional Learning Center (EV)	902 Rev R A Ambercrombie Drive	Killeen	TX	76543
17	Killeen Senior Center @ Lions Club Park (EV)	1700 E. Stan Schleuter Loop	Killeen	TX	76542
18	Charis Church	1401 E. Elms Road	Killeen	TX	76542
19	St. Paul Chong Hasang Catholic Church	1000 E. FM 2410	Harker Heights	TX	76548
20	First Baptist Church of Trimmier	6405 Chaparral Road	Killeen	TX	76542
21	Troy Community Center	201 E. Main Street	Troy	TX	76579
22	VFW Post 1820	3302 Airport Road	Temple	TX	76504
23	Northside Church of Christ	3401 N. 3rd Street	Temple	TX	76501
24	House of Hope Outreach	5625 E. US Hwy 190	Temple	TX	76501
25	Cross Church on Birdcreek	2202 Birdcreek Drive	Temple	TX	76502
26	Immanuel Baptist Church	1401 W. Central Avenue	Temple	TX	76504
27	Temple ISD Admin Building (EV)	401 Santa Fe Way	Temple	TX	76501
28	Temple College	130 E Marvin R Felder Drive	Temple	TX	76501
29	Meredith-Dunbar Early Childhood Academy (New Site)	1717 E. Avenue J	Temple	TX	76504
30	St. Joseph Catholic Church Fellowship Hall	20220 FM 485	Burlington	TX	76519

Site#/	Polling Site/	Address/ Dirección	City/	State/	Zip Code/			
N.∘ de	Sitio de votación	Dirección	Ciudad	Estado	Código			
sitio					postal			
31	First Baptist Church of Moffat	13929 Moffat Road	Temple	TX	76502			
32	St. Matthews Catholic Church (New Site)	14051 E US Highway 190	Rogers	TX	76569			
33	First Church of the Nazarene	5000 S 31st Street	Temple	TX	76502			
34	Boys Ranch	3275 Boys Ranch Road	Kempner	TX	76539			
35	Triple 7 Fire Station	258 Triple 7 Trail	Killeen	TX	76542			
36	True Deliverance Ministries (EV) (New Site)	709 W. Dean Ave	Killeen	TX	76541			
37	Robert M. Shoemaker High School	3302 Clear Creek Road	Killeen	TX	76549			
38	Skyline Baptist Church	906 Trimmier Road	Killeen	TX	76541			
39	Westside Baptist Church	711 Stagecoach Road	Killeen	TX	76542			
40	Killeen Utilities Department	210 W. Avenue C	Killeen	TX	76541			
41	The Journey Church	5300 Bunny Trail	Killeen	TX	76549			
42	Sugar Loaf Elementary School	1517 Barbara Lane	Killeen	TX	76549			
EV Indicates Early Voting Locations. Voters can vote at any location county-wide.								

^{*} Subject to change. To verify, please go to the Bell County Elections Administrator website, * Sujeto a cambios. Para confirmar, vaya al sitio web del Administrador de Elecciones del Condado de Bell, https://www.bellcountytx.com/departments/elections/index.php.

EXHIBIT B/ ANEXO B

BELL COUNTY EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE – NOVEMBER 4, 2025 GENERAL <u>ELECTION*</u>

CRONOGRAMA DE VOTACIÓN ANTICIPADA DEL CONDADO DE BELL – 4 DE NOVIEMBRE DE 2025, ELECCIÓN GENERAL*

Early voting will be conducted Monday, October 20, 2025 through Friday, October 31, 2025 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

La votación anticipada será del lunes, 20 de octubre de 2025 al viernes, 31 de octubre de 2025, de 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m.

EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS/ LUGARES DE VOTACIÓN ANTICIPADA

- Belton Bell County Courthouse Annex, 550 East 2nd Ave, Belton, TX 76513**
- Harker Heights Parks & Recreation Center, 307 Millers Crossing, Harker Heights, TX 76548
- Killeen Jackson Professional Learning Center, 902 Rev. R. A. Abercrombie Dr., Killeen, TX 76543
- Killeen Killeen Senior Center @ Lions Club Park, 1700 E. Stan Schleuter Loop, Killeen, TX 76542
- Killeen True Deliverance Ministries, 709 W. Dean Ave, Killeen, TX 76541
- Morgan's Point Event Center 60 Morgan's Point Blvd, Morgan's Point Resort, TX 76513
- Salado Salado Annex, 11057 Event Drive, Salado, TX 76571
- Temple Temple ISD Administration Building, 401 Santa Fe Way, Temple TX 76501
 - * Subject to change. To verify, please go to the Bell County Elections Administrator website, https://www.bellcountytx.com/departments/elections/index.php.
 - ** Main Polling Location.
 - * Sujeto a cambios. Para confirmar, vaya al sitio web del Administrador de Elecciones del Condado de Bell, https://www.bellcountytx.com/departments/elections/index.php.
 - ** Lugar de votación principal.